

Asia - the largest & most populous in the world



This is a list of the countries of Asia, the largest and most populous continent in the world. The number of countries in Asia varies slightly depending on who recognizes them, but the United Nations recognizes 48 countries on the continent.

- East Asian Countries:

China

Japan

North Korea

South Korea

Mongolia

- South Asian Countries:

Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Bhutan

India

Maldives

Nepal

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

- Southeast Asian Countries:

Brunei

Cambodia

East Timor

Indonesia

Laos

Malaysia

Myanmar

Philippines

Singapore

Thailand

Vietnam

- Western Asian Countries (Middle East):

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Bahrain

Cyprus

Georgia

Iran

Iraq

Israel

Jordan

Kuwait

Lebanon

Oman

Palestine

Qatar

Saudi Arabia

Syria

Turkey

United Arab Emirates

Yemen

- Central Asian Countries:

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

- Transcontinental Countries:

There are several countries whose territories lie between the continents of Asia and another continent, such as:

*** Egypt:**

Part of it is located in Asia (the Sinai Peninsula), but the largest part is located in Africa.

*** Russia:**

Much of it is located in Asia, but its capital and main population centers are in Europe.

Turkey, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan: are located in both Europe and Asia.

Note: Some lists may vary depending on the official recognition of certain regions, such as Taiwan.

*** Google maps of asia:**

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